Tourists from neighbouring countries

102. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourist tra ffic to India from the neighbouring coun tries like Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Burma has declined during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the derails of tourist traffic to India during the last two years, country-wise; and

(d) What steps Government are con-templating to encourage more tourists from the above countries?

THE 'MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (e) The number of tourists from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Burma .who visited India during 1985 and *1986* aiong-with the percentage change are as given below:

	1985	1986	Percntage Change
Pakistan	150,126	166,766	11.1
Sri Lanka	69,063	70.240(E)	1.7
Bangladesh	272,350	204 260(E)	25.0
Burma	1,171	,460(E)	—60.7

(E) Estimated

Political and economic conditions pre-vailing in these countries have a bearing on the tourist traffic from them.

(d) The Government has already sigued a protocol on tourism exchange between Pakistan and India. Joint marketing plans with countries of the South Asian region who are members of the World Tourism Organisation, or the Pacific Asia Travel Association are 'also being contemplated for improving tourist traffic to India.

Panel to study condition of Agricultural Labour

103. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed any panel to study conditions of agricultural labour and to suggest measures for heir welfare;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the panei is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two Sub-Committees of the Members of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Labour have been constituted for the purpose of studying and reporting on the problems of un-organised workers in (a) agricultural sector and (b) non-agricultural sector. The details of the Sub-Committe.L'S are mentioned in the enclosed statements I and II *(See below).*

(c) The term of both the Sub-Committees was for a period of two months i.e. up to 16th Feb. 1987. However, the Subcommittees have sought further extension.